

# Contino Viña del Olivo 2016



*Viñedos del Contino was created by Cvne and the family owners of the state in 1973, establishing the "château" concept in the Rioja region. The estate embraces vineyards and wines, and is rooted in an ancestral home inside a bend in the Ebro river. Its wines are made exclusively from the stocks planted on its 62 hectares located in Laserna, near the town of Laguardia in the Rioja Alavesa wine making region.*



- **Type of wine:** Red
- **Region of production:** Rioja
- **Year:** 2016
- **DOCa vintage rating :** Very Good
- **CVNE vintage rating:** : Very Good
- **Grape Varieties :** 90% Tempranillo and 10% Graciano
- **Type of bottle:** Bordeaux
- **Bottle size:** 1,5l. y 75cl

## *Datos Analíticos*

- **Alcoholic Volume:** 14 %
- **Total Acidity:** 5,7
- **PH:** 3,43
- **Volatile Acidity:** 0,54
- **SO2L/T:** 24 / 87
- **IPT:** 55,3

## *Winemaking*

Manual harvest in baskets of 20 kilos selecting the best bunches of grapes from our plot Viña del Olivo (located around an old olive tree which is approximately 700 years old). Fermentation takes 10 days at 28-30°C in our 100 hectoliter French oak vats. Malolactic fermentation developed in new French oak barrels. For the barrel ageing we put the wine in French, American and Hungarian oak casks successively during 17 months. Finally, we left the wine to age in bottle for over a year.

## *Vintage / Harvest description*

This vintage has been characterized by the high summer temperatures and a temperate winter with scarce rainfall. During the summer, temperatures were very high, 37,9°C max, with a total absence of rainfall. 428,9 l/m2 were registered along the year and the average temperature was 13,9°C.

Regarding phenology, it was exceptional along the growing season, the beginning of the sprouting was the 15<sup>th</sup> March and the beginning of the ripening the 25<sup>th</sup> May. Tempranillo grapes in the plot Viña del Olivo were harvested the 26<sup>th</sup> September and Graciano grapes two days later; the 28<sup>th</sup> September.

2016 was marked by the good sanitary status of the vineyards in which the lack of rain brought a great balance of the season and an excellent the phenological maturity.

Nice vintage in terms of quality and quantity.

## *Notas de Cata*

Great aromas of fruit with an elegant complexity and a great richness of tannins, highlighting the spicy hints in perfect balance with the fruity nuances. Touches of red fruit and balsamic notes like anise, mint or licorice.

Great structure, rounded, with tannins of mature fruit and high quality barrels. It is a well balanced wine, powerful in mouth, complex and with good prospects of becoming a Great Wine.